

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method for updating a plurality of dictionaries or glossaries stored within a data processing system, wherein the data processing system includes an organizational database comprising information ~~for organizational units within the data processing system regarding a structure of an organization~~, wherein each dictionary or glossary of the plurality of dictionaries or glossaries is a member of a hierarchically ordered set of dictionaries or glossaries, and wherein each dictionary or glossary in the hierarchical set of dictionaries or glossaries is associated with [[an]] ~~a respective~~ organizational unit ~~within the structure of the organization~~, the method comprising the computer-implemented steps of:

automatically scanning a datastream;

automatically detecting, in the datastream, a word that does not match an indexed term or word in a dictionary or a glossary ~~of the plurality of dictionaries or glossaries~~; and

responsive to an indication that the unmatched word is a properly spelled new term, determining, with reference to the organizational database, ~~a list of organizational units which utilize the new term, and a list of associated~~ dictionaries and/or glossaries in the hierarchically ordered set of dictionaries or glossaries to be updated with the new term.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 further comprising:

presenting the determined list of ~~associated~~ dictionaries and/or glossaries to a user;

selecting, from the presented list, a dictionary or glossary to be updated with the new term; and
updating the selected dictionary or glossary.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein the step of determining the list of ~~associated~~ dictionaries and/or glossaries further comprises:

responsive to a determination of a user that indicated that the unmatched word is a properly spelled new term, determining the organizational unit containing the user; and

selecting a set of dictionaries and/or glossaries based on the organizational unit for the user.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the step of selecting a set of dictionaries and/or glossaries based on the organizational unit for the user further comprises:

determining, according to previously stored selectable options, whether local copies of dictionaries and/or glossaries stored on computers used by persons within the organizational unit are to be updated upon an indication of a new term by the user; and

determining, according to previously stored selectable options, whether a master copy of a dictionary and/or glossary stored on a server is to be updated upon an indication of a new term by the user.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 further comprising:

updating each dictionary and/or glossary on the list of dictionaries and/or glossaries to be updated with the new term.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the step of updating each dictionary and/or glossary on the list of dictionaries and/or glossaries further comprises:

receiving, at a server in the data processing system, an update message comprising the new term; and

sending, from the server, an update message comprising the new term to each client computer storing a copy of each dictionary and/or glossary.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21 further comprising:

updating a master copy of each dictionary and/or glossary on the server.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein the step of determining a list of associated dictionaries and/or glossaries to be updated with the new term with reference to the organizational database is performed on a server within the data processing system.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein the step of determining a list of associated dictionaries and/or glossaries to be updated with the new term with reference to the organizational database is performed on a client computer within the data processing system.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 wherein the dictionaries and/or glossaries determined to be updated comprise a default dictionary and/or glossary previously selected from the hierarchically ordered set of dictionaries or glossaries.

26-39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently Amended) A data processing system for updating a plurality of dictionaries or glossaries, the data processing system comprising:

an organizational database comprising information regarding a structure of an organization in which the dictionaries or glossaries are used for organizational units within the data processing system, wherein each dictionary or glossary of the plurality of dictionaries or glossaries is a member of a hierarchically ordered set of dictionaries or glossaries, and wherein each dictionary or glossary in the hierarchical set of dictionaries or glossaries is associated with [[an]] a respective organizational unit within the structure of the organization;

scanning means for automatically scanning a datastream;

detecting means for automatically detecting, in the datastream, a word that does not match an indexed term or word in a dictionary or a glossary of the plurality of dictionaries or glossaries; and

first determining means for determining, in response to an indication that the unmatched word is a properly spelled new term, and with reference to the organizational database, a list of organizational units which utilize the new term, and a list of associated dictionaries and/or glossaries in the hierarchically ordered set of dictionaries or glossaries to be updated with the new term.

41. (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 40 further comprising:

presenting means for presenting the determined list of a set of associated dictionaries and/or glossaries to a user;

selecting means for selecting, from the presented list, a dictionary or glossary to be updated with the new term; and

updating means for updating the selected dictionary or glossary.

42. (Canceled)

43. (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 40 wherein the first determining means for determining the list of associated dictionaries and/or glossaries further comprises:

second determining means for determining the organizational unit containing the user, in response to a determination of a user that indicated that the unmatched word is a properly spelled new term; and

selecting means for selecting a set of dictionaries and/or glossaries based on the organizational unit for the user.

44. (Previously Presented) The data processing system of claim 43 wherein the selecting means for selecting a set of dictionaries and/or glossaries based on the organizational unit for the user further comprises:

third determining means for determining, according to previously stored selectable options, whether local copies of dictionaries and/or glossaries stored on computers used by persons within the organizational unit are to be updated upon an indication of a new term by the user; and

fourth determining means for determining, according to the previously stored selectable options, whether a master copy of a dictionary and/or glossary stored on a server is to be updated upon an indication of a new term by the user.

45. (Previously Presented) The data processing system of claim 40 further comprising:

updating means for updating each dictionary and/or glossary on the list of dictionaries and/or glossaries to be updated with the new term.

46. (Original) The data processing system of claim 45 wherein the updating means for updating each dictionary and/or glossary on the list of dictionaries and/or glossaries further comprises:

receiving means for receiving, at a server in the data processing system, an update message comprising the new term; and

sending means for sending, from the server, an update message comprising the new term to each client computer storing a copy of each dictionary and/or glossary.

47. (Original) The data processing system of claim 46 further comprising:

updating means for updating a master copy of each dictionary and/or glossary on the server.

48. (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 40 wherein the first determining means for determining a list of associated dictionaries and/or glossaries to be updated with the new term with reference to the organizational database is performed on a server within the data processing system.

49. (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 40 wherein the first determining means for determining a list of associated dictionaries and/or glossaries to be updated with the new term with reference to the organizational database is performed on a client computer within the data processing system.

50. (Previously Presented) The data processing system of claim 40 wherein the dictionaries and/or glossaries determined to be updated comprise a default dictionary and/or glossary previously selected from the hierarchically ordered set of dictionaries or glossaries.

51-54. (Canceled)

55. (Currently Amended) A computer program product in a computer-readable medium for use in a data processing system for updating a plurality of dictionaries or glossaries stored within the data processing system, wherein the data processing system includes an organizational database comprising information regarding a structure of an organization for organizational units within the data processing system, wherein each dictionary or glossary of the plurality of dictionaries or glossaries is a member of a hierarchically ordered set of dictionaries or glossaries, and wherein each dictionary or glossary in the hierarchical set of dictionaries or glossaries is associated with [[an]] a respective organizational unit within the structure of the organization, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for automatically scanning a datastream;

second instructions for automatically detecting, in the datastream, a word that does not match an indexed term or word in a dictionary or a glossary of the plurality of dictionaries or glossaries; and

third instructions for determining, responsive to an indication that the unmatched word is a properly spelled new term, and with reference to the organizational database, a list of organizational units which utilize the new term, and a list of associated dictionaries and/or glossaries in the hierarchically ordered set of dictionaries or glossaries to be updated with the new term.

56. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 55 further comprising:

instructions for presenting the determined list of a set of associated dictionaries and/or glossaries to a user;

instructions for selecting, from the presented list, a dictionary or glossary to be updated with the new term; and

instructions for updating the selected dictionary or glossary.

57. (Canceled)

58. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 55 wherein the instructions for determining the list of associated dictionaries and/or glossaries further comprise:

instructions for determining, responsive to a determination of a user that indicated that the unmatched word is a properly spelled new term, the organizational unit containing the user; and

instructions for selecting a set of dictionaries and/or glossaries based on the organizational unit for the user.

59. (Original) The computer program product of claim 58 wherein the instructions for selecting a set of dictionaries and/or glossaries based on the organizational unit for the user further comprise:

instructions for determining, according to previously stored selectable options, whether local copies of dictionaries and/or glossaries stored on computers used by persons within the organizational unit are to be updated upon an indication of a new term by the user; and

instructions for determining, according to previously stored selectable options, whether a master copy of a dictionary and/or glossary stored on a server are to be updated upon an indication of a new term by the user.

60. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 55 further comprising:

instructions for updating each dictionary and/or glossary on the list of dictionaries and/or glossaries to be updated with the new term.

61. (Original) The computer program product of claim 60 wherein the instructions for updating each dictionary and/or glossary on the list of dictionaries and/or glossaries further comprise:

instructions for receiving, at a server in the data processing system, an update message comprising the new term; and

instructions for sending, from the server, an update message comprising the new term to each client computer storing a copy of each dictionary and/or glossary.

62. (Original) The computer program product of claim 61 further comprising:

instructions for updating a master copy of each dictionary and/or glossary on the server.

63. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 55 wherein the instructions for determining a list of associated dictionaries and/or glossaries to be updated with the new term with reference to the organizational database are performed on a server within the data processing system.

64. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 55 wherein the instructions for determining a list of associated dictionaries and/or glossaries to be updated with the new term with reference to the organizational database are performed on a client computer within the data processing system.

65. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 55 wherein the dictionaries and/or glossaries determined to be updated comprise a default dictionary and/or glossary previously selected from the hierarchically ordered set of dictionaries or glossaries.

66. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the organization comprises a corporation, wherein the structure of the organization comprises a corporate level, a department level and a user level, and wherein the hierarchically ordered set of dictionaries or glossaries reflects the corporate level, the department level and the user level of the corporation in which the dictionaries or glossaries are used.

67. (New) The data processing system of claim 40, wherein the organization comprises a corporation, wherein the structure of the organization comprises a corporate level, a department level and a user level, and wherein the hierarchically ordered set of dictionaries or glossaries reflects the corporate level, the department level and the user level of the corporation in which the dictionaries or glossaries are used.

68. (New) The computer program product of claim 55, wherein the organization comprises a corporation, wherein the structure of the organization comprises a corporate level, a department level and a user level, and wherein the hierarchically ordered set of dictionaries or glossaries reflects the corporate level, the department level and the user level of the corporation in which the dictionaries or glossaries are used.